

## Public Invitation to a Fun Birding Event! Save the date!



On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> Rose Lake Friends will host a new, fun, free, informative public event at Dorothy Carnes County Park. Dubbed “The Birding Sit-In at Dorothy Carnes County Park”, the event is a noncompetitive bird count which will celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. Early May is a time when bird migration is in full swing. The Birding Sit-In will provide an excellent opportunity to observe a wide variety of bird species as they return to Wisconsin’s varied natural habitat either to spend their summer with us or migrate through to more northern nesting territory. Local bird and nature enthusiasts will be on hand to help identify the birds seen and heard throughout the day. This Rose Lake Friends event will take place May 9th from *dawn* (5:40am) to *dusk* (8:04pm) on the observation deck at the West Unit of Dorothy Carnes County Park. The public is invited to participate and no previous birding experience or reservations are necessary. Interested individuals should show up at the deck with binoculars if they have them (not required), any time during the day. (Pack a snack or lunch depending on how long you plan to stay) Participants do not need to stay the entire time the event is taking place. Rose Lake Friends will have free information available and will follow up with publication of the number of species counted and other information about the event. Watch for other events in Fort Atkinson and surrounding communities for other International Migratory Bird Day happenings. For more about International Migratory Bird Day check out [www.birdday.org](http://www.birdday.org). Hope to see you at the park!